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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 23, 2004, please reconsider the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and comments. Claims 39–56 remain pending.